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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello to all GHAC members!

It has certainly been a very busy start with 2024. Good News, at every turn I am shown what great club members we have. These thoughts have been consistently reinforced when every time assistance was needed, there is always member support for me.

Past Presidents and Executive Board members and especially the 1st & 2nd Vice-President, are always there to listen and offer input for club decisions and direction. Blessed to have such great support and never taken for granted.

I am excited to announce Cindy West has accepted the role of club Newsletter Editor. We have had this position open after being spoiled with our recent outstanding Newsletter Editors. It certainly is a great addition to the club to have Cindy lead in this area. Anyone wishing to join her on a Newsletter Committee working as a team, please contact Cindy or me for more detail.

Big Bend Caravan. The club's Big Bend Caravan registration has closed with 9 rigs signed up. The caravan hop-off point is the Lake Somerville SP following the club March Rally. This caravan's schedule is March 3-13. Watch for feedback from caravan members as they make the trip across Texas to one of the state's largest and most intriguing park areas.

Eclipse Viewing Rally! I am happy to say we are adding a "pop-up" Boondock/Buddy Rally in our schedule for the upcoming eclipse. A Buddy Rally allows non-Airstream rigs to join our rally and boondock says that you must provide all power, water, and sewer - NO UTILITIES. Check the flyer for details and a big thank you to the rally hosts, Jerry & Tracey Calvert for putting this unique, not often used, rally type together. Registration is open.

Club Leadership Opportunities. All members have the opportunity to serve the club as a host, committee member/chair, or officer at a national, regional, or local club level. I encourage members to look for the right opportunity to be an engaged active member. *(cont. on p. 2)*

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The club nominating committee led by Immediate Past President Dan McAnulty, and joined by Bruce Lee and Clark Gardner, are seeking members who are interested in club leadership. If you are interested in leadership position, or if you know of a member you would recommend for leadership, please contact Dan or one of the committee members.

Don't forget about the Region 9 upcoming elections and the nominees for each open office. Any member having questions about any nominee in election process, please reach out to the current Region 9 leaders or if preferred contact me to discuss. These nominees are running unopposed, votes are cast by local club presidents in Region 9, and should reflect the choice of the local club's members they represent.

Have you heard everything happens for a reason? WELL - Too many member conflicts, a bad weather forecast, and a Super Bowl event kept our rig count for the February rally down below what we had planned, but it provided a perfect opportunity for a club leadership retreat, as all attendees were in club leadership positions. We did not waste this opportunity! Great brainstorm discussions and planning opportunities were available for us, which we took full advantage of in our time together. Meeting in a warm, dry room, with plenty to eat and drink really is a staple for good planning it seems!

The rally was treated by some club members joining us for Happy Hour, supper and the TRWB raffle even though they were not able to bring their rigs. On Thursday Tom & Vicki Ketchum joined for Happy Hour and supper, Friday Lisa Hansen, Bob & Cindy Hodgson and John and Susan Sheridan joined for Happy Hour and supper, and on Saturday by new members Ned & Julie Chapman for Happy Hour, supper and the TRWB raffle and game. Each night having additional members sharing old memories and making new ones was a special time for all.

Final note. The club Caravan Committee is working hard to create a rewarding caravan experience for members on the club caravan to Sedalia, MO for the International Rally. We are making great progress in our planning. Members have been good about responding to email requests for information and/or commitment. We have visibility to the Int'l Rally signup for other clubs in our region. We see their rig counts are high, meaning campsites are going to be in demand. The team is working to get campsites reserved early while they are available with better price points.

Plenty of fun Rallies are coming very soon! Lake Somerville SP, Eclipse, LaGrange, & Bandera (Region) all have registration open now, so get registered and let's RALLY TOGETHER!!

Rick Elkins
2024 President GHAC

Share with us!

- Travel Plans.
- Rally or Caravan Experiences.
- Personal trip.
- Any items you would like to sell?
- Pictures of children, grandchildren, pets.
- Prayers for you, family, or friends.

Following a rally, trip, or special event, send your articles and pictures to lucindawest@mac.com for inclusion in the next newsletter. Articles may be edited for length and content.



Mid-Winter Rally Report

By Lisa Feine

The first rally of 2024 has come and gone. The moniker “Midwinter” did not match the springlike weather! Luckily, the dire predictions of heavy rain were never fulfilled. This was a small rally at Magnolia Park RV Resort in Goodrich, Texas. We made full use of the wonderful clubhouse and excellent kitchen! Our gracious campground manager, Ms. Leslie, dropped



Lisa Feine with LCR winnings donated to TRWB

in frequently to ensure we had everything we might need. In the end we ended up with three rigs and multiple “drop in” visitors for Happy Hours and some dinners. The three Airstream trailers on site were with Rick and Tracy Elkins, Jim and Lisa Feine, and Eric and Holly McMurphy. Tracy and Holly provided some very creative and delicious appetizers for all three evenings.



Holly McMurphy's Valentine appetizer

of this occurred during breakfasts of pancakes, quiches, and other yummy breakfast items along with the ubiquitous coffee and juice. Drop in visitors for Thursday evening's Super Bowl potluck tailgate were Tom and Vicki Ketchum who



are currently spending time in Livingston and, as usual for them, volunteering again! On Friday evening we were joined by brand new members, Bob and Cindy Hodgson from Cold Spring and cohosts John and Susan Sheridan who brought a delicious chicken and pasta dish with sides of Caesar salad with homemade dressing and garlic bread. We also enjoyed quality time with Lisa Hansen who surprised us with her smiling presence and a funny story about an electric toothbrush! Ask Lisa Hansen to tell you this tale the next time you see her. Susan also brought a delicious salad with another



Susan Sheridan enjoys Happy Hour on Friday

homemade dressing for Saturday evening's dinner. On Saturday, we were joined by Ned and Julie Chapman of Spring. They are waiting on their new Airstream to come off the production line.

Dinner revolved around Lisa's Italian chicken soup which many GHAC members might recall from last year's February rally in Bryan, Texas. This soup still gets positive reviews! At all group gatherings, conversation and laughter flowed freely and new friendships were founded as existing friendships strengthened.



Inaugural LCR dice game with new members Ned and Julie Chapman

After dinner on Saturday, we held the Red, White, and Blue raffle with a few modifications. This year, the RWB raffle is being limited to only three raffle prizes

per rally. Winners were Chapman, Feine, and Ketchum. A new portion of RWB fundraising was introduced with after-dinner games. The first game was LCR, a fast-paced dice game played with four dice marked with L, R, dot or star. One needs at least 4 one-dollar bills to play. If a star is rolled, one dollar is placed in the center for RWB. That dollar bill is out of play for the remainder of the game. A dot means the thrower keeps the dollar. L or R means a dollar is passed to the player on the left or right accordingly. Players with 4 or more dollars may throw all four dice. Tracy Elkins demonstrated how not to lose any dollar bills by throwing four dots! Julie Chapman also achieved this feat! Lisa Feine was the first to lose all dollar bills and miss a turn, but as luck would have it, she was back in the game with bills from her left and or right, then went on to hold the last dollar, making her the evening's winner. She chose to donate her winnings to RWB, bringing the weekend total to \$85!



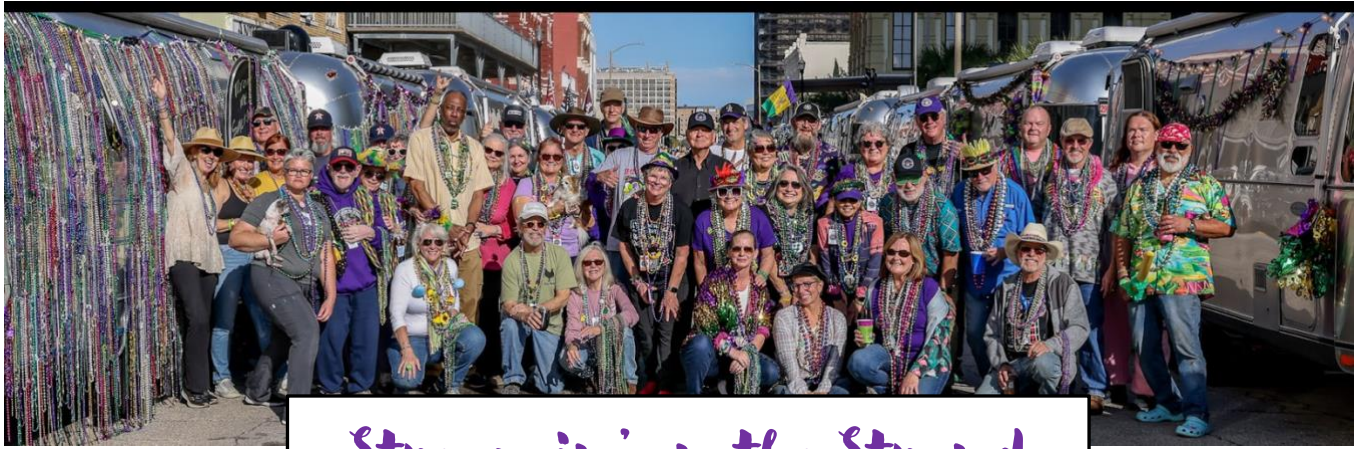
TRWB raffle prize Vicki Ketchum picked out for Tom BEFORE the raffle.

All in all, it was a great rally! The only thing your hostess wanted to note is that we need to up

attendance at future rallies. It is difficult to remain within the budget set by Jotform registrations when attendance numbers are very low. While it is understood why those registered forfeit the registration fee when needing to cancel at the last minute, smaller groups makes for overspending on some meals and creates stress for rally hosts. We had a lot of leftovers to split between the few rigs at the campground, even though we sent food home with some of our visitors.

That said, your club leadership is looking forward to the next rally, hosted by Eric and Holly McMurphy at Lake Somerville State Park in less than two weeks, the Big Bend Spring Caravan led by Bruce Lee, and the April rally in LaGrange, hosted by Justin Hargadine. Please sign up early!





By Tracy Elkins #9713

Streamin' on the Strand Mardi Gras! Galveston – 2024 A WBCCI/ACI National Event Rally

The beads, the parades, the people – all a very exciting backdrop to 45 Airstreams! Once again, the annual Streamin' on the Strand National Event Rally sponsored by Region 9 was at Mardi Gras! Galveston on February 1 -4, 2024. This Rally takes place along the parade route with Airstreams bumper to hitch on either side of Mechanic Street in the Historic Strand District on Galveston Island. Now in its 3rd year, all agree each year has gotten successively better and this was clearly the best one yet!

staging crew greets each rig with a goody bag and lines them

up in preparation for parking as soon as the streets are cleared and ready. The volunteer parking crew adorned in high vis-vests & orange hats with "RAT" (Rally Arrival Team) on the front are dispersed on the street and each Rig is led into the parking areas by a volunteer on a golf cart. In a matter of minutes, the rig is taken to its spot where the RAT Crew helps guide them in and level them out so the tow vehicle can be taken to an offsite parking lot and the next rig follows suit until all are parked. In 2024 we did this in record time, around 4-1/2 hours and all 45 were in place and ready to "laissez les bons temps rouler!"



Thursday afternoon, the first week of Mardi Gras! Galveston, the Airstreams begin to cross over channel at Galveston Bay onto the island and make their way to the staging area at Santa Fe Place. The volunteer



By the time everyone is parked and settled, they've worked up an appetite for a little Mardi Gras flavor so we get started with a Happy Hour at Tsunami's hosted by YAGA Entertainment, the event developer. Afterwards we had an after party at the Hospitality Tent featuring pizza and wine. Lots of folks began decorating their rigs in classic Mardi Gras themes before they called it a night.



By Friday, Airstreams are decorated, participants have gotten familiar with the entertainment district and are ready for some Mardi Gras action Galveston-style! The Hospitality Tent was open first thing with a breakfast of King Cake and Mimosas and over the course of the day transformed and sat up with appetizers as participants brought in their favorite whiskey and bourbon for a round of tastings. The first event of the evening is the Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade and the competition is spot-on with groups boasting

umbrellas decorated in every theme imaginable from Alice in



Wonderland to Star Wars Storm Troopers; but the absolute cutest had to be our Flamazing Streamin' Flamingos! Those Airstreamers that didn't participate in the parade were able to relax around a firepit in the Hospitality Tent.

On Saturday, coffee was ready in the Hospitality Tent with all the accoutrements, and some ventured off to try the many breakfast/brunch offerings in the District while a few joined the Jolly Jester Jaunt for a

5K Run/Walk through the District. Participants visited, shopped, and took in the area sites until the parades started early afternoon and into the night. It's truly a unique experience catching beads, dancing in the streets, enjoying the decorated floats, jeeps and golf carts along with area marching bands, first responders and military contingents. The Hospitality Tent was ready at 5 pm with a charcutier board and other hors d'oeuvre. The streets were full and band stands were hopping with music and merriment!

GHAC was well represented at the Rally. Ed Ferrin is the event photographer and was ever present to capture all the great memories. Narmin Parpia & Raj Ramlal provided all the event-branded merchandise from apparel to stemware. Rick & Tracy Elkins were part of the Host Team. Jay & Amanda Bubela, Chris & Lana Dalston and Alfred & Carla Ricks also attended.

Sunday came all too soon for most! Breakfast of fresh baked bagels and cream cheese were delivered to each Airstream and rigs began the process of pulling out. A little after 9 am the streets were cleared of the shiny silver Airstreams as we made our way home and began dreaming of doing it again next year!

GHAC Participants





New Members Spotlight



Scott Louis and Gail Bailey Big Red Number #4590



Gail and I are recent retirees. Gail was a first-grade teacher, and I worked in the retail liquor business. We purchased our Airstream three years ago, just when covid started. It had been a lifelong dream of mine to own an Airstream that began when I read of the adventures of the caravans from Cape Town to Cairo, many years ago. While we were still working and with limited time and campsite availability during this time our camping was limited. But we used the time for short trips and Gail redecorated the dark 1980's interior in our unit to a bright and happy Bubble. Rbubble is its name, a very experienced 2008, 19cb Safari SE that has some bumps and bruises.

Yesterday we just returned from a 70-day solo trip to Alaska. This trip covered about 14,000 miles, eleven states, three Canadian provinces, and eight national parks. While I have many years of tent camping, this is our first experience camping in the luxury of an Airstream. I know many wait for a trip like this to have more experience on shorter trips, but we decided that waiting was not the road we wanted to take. Life is too short not to go for it. Besides, we believe in trial by fire. We look forward to many more adventures with this group. We have already made our reservations for the International Rally in Missouri next fall. We are also planning at the moment to join with you in October in Huntsville.



FEBRUARY Newspaper

Welcome New Members

Bob & Cindy Hodgson from Cold Spring
Richard & Lisa Sambrano from The Woodlands

Member Benefits:

- Membership Discounts
- Product Savings
- Courtesy Parking
- Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
- Preferred Partners - Travel, Trip & RV Insurance

[https:// airstreamclub.org/ benefits](https://airstreamclub.org/benefits)



2024 Directory

Please make sure your ACI Details & Photos are current by the end of the month; we'll use these for the Club Directory

Update here:

[https:// airstreamclub.org/ members/ personal-information](https://airstreamclub.org/members/personal-information)

Tracy Elkins - tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com
Membership & Directory Chair -
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Let's all give a warm welcome to our new members the next time you see them!

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin



*"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."
~Mother Theresa~*

MEMBER CONCERNS



Irene Lyddon is currently on a ventilator being treated with intubation through an endotracheal tube at Houston West Methodist Hospital. Treatment is not life threatening, and a full recovery is expected.

Natalie Garrett (BRN 20004) lost her father following an extended illness. He passed away in the U.K. on Feb 12th. Natalie and her brother and sister were all nearby.

Carol Goodwin is still having pain and discomfort with her left knee. She starts physical therapy next week.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



K.D. Couch	February 2	Douglas Towns	February 10	Beth Adams	February 19
Charles O'Donnell	February 2	Irene Lyddon	February 12	Clark Garnder	February 23
Debbie Pfunder	February 7	Mark Sitton	February 12	Beverley Williams	February 25
Larry Ford	February 8	Bernadine Billard	February 14		

Anniversaries

Daniel & Lisa Schwarz	February 13	Red & Nancy Childers	February 20
Reid & Kathy Westmoreland	February 16	Alan & Bernadine Billard	February 26
David & Felicia Petit	February 19		

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Stephen Couch	March 1	Dell Jones	March 14	Jerry Adams	March 27
Ron Bautsch	March 8	Linda Ford	March 14	Red Childers	March 27
Ines Baptista	March 12	Gary Alley	March 17	Jim Glover	March 27
James Wanja	March 12	Jerry Goodwin	March 21	Paul Evens	March 28
Jerry Lyddon	March 13	Carla Dagget	March 22	Jim Goodwin	March 29
Kay Neichoy	March 13	Ron Bernucho	March 24	Vernon Goodwin	March 31

Anniversaries

Rick & Jennifer Cary	March 6	Tom & Caren Bundy	March 17
Peter & Shareece Dumont	March 9	James & Lisa Feine	March 19
Jim & Jo Ann Shults	March 9	Bob & Lisa Hansen	March 20
Jason & Sherry Goodwin	March 12	Richard & Lisa Sambrano	March 22
Kelly & Gina Hargraves	March 13	Gary & Pamela Alley	March 23
Ron & Kathryn Bautsch	March 14	Mark & Danielle Sitton	March 24

Goal: 1,000 pairs

SOCK IT TO ME



Our club cares. One of many ways we demonstrate our compassion is by giving socks to needy children. Many students who are underprivileged come to school every day in the same pair of socks. Or no socks at all. Our 2024 goal is to collect 1,000 pairs of new socks for the annual **Sock It To Me** drive. The socks we collect will be donated to Humble Independent School District, for Kindergarten – 12th Grade students. The teachers are grateful, and the children are so appreciative of your generosity!

Jan Rightmyer spearheads this effort. Donations of socks, or money to purchase socks, may be given directly to Jan. Another simple way to give is to order socks directly from Amazon and have the socks shipped to Jan Rightmyer at 2018 Midlothian Lane, Kingwood, TX 77339. **#ghaccares**

We will keep you posted on our progress each month, so check back here to see the sock numbers grow!

**HAPPY TRAILS
AND
SAFE TRAVELS!!**



Good morning, thank you for your gift of kindness for the students here at Oak Forest Elementary. We greatly appreciate the socks that were donated from your organization. May you be richly blessed for your contributions to Humble ISD!

Thanks again,
Milneshia Phipps RN, BSN
Oak Forest Elementary Clinic

CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/CHAIRS - OPEN/VACANT POSITIONS

GHAC 3rd Vice-President - The club's 3rd Vice-President position is vacant. If you are interested in this position or learning more about being a club officer, please contact Dan McAnulty, or Rick Elkins to discuss - club155@airstreamclub.org.

Newsletter Editor – Thanks to Cindy West for stepping up to the role of Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in joining the newsletter team as a committee member, or you have suggestions or questions regarding the newsletter, please email/call/text Cindy at lucindawest@mac.com or 863-670-2828 to discuss.

Tech Tip



The wheels and tires on your Airstream travel trailer are the key features that let you travel with the comforts of home. Proper tire and wheel care helps ensure your adventures go off without a hitch.

Regular maintenance and inspection of your wheels and tires is an essential practice for all Airstream owners. One of the most important of these regular maintenance habits is to tighten the lug nuts on your Airstream's wheels.

By design, a travel trailer's wheels carry much higher loads per wheel than the wheels on a passenger vehicle or truck. Each wheel can easily end up supporting over 1,000 pounds each (check your owner's manual for specifics). And because the travel trailer's wheels are fixed and don't steer, they are subjected to very high stress as you navigate around a turn. Navigating through slow,

tight turns puts especially high stress on the wheels, subjecting them to very high side loads.

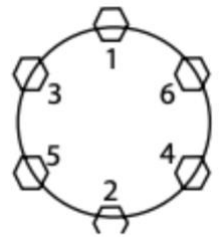
For Airstream travel trailers with aluminum wheels, set your torque wrench to 110 pound-feet. If you have an older Airstream with steel wheels, set your torque wrench to 100 pound-feet.

This procedure is essential every time you replace a wheel (such as when you change a flat tire or put new tires on your travel trailer). Airstream recommends torquing lug nuts at 10, 25, and 50 miles after a wheel replacement.

It is also recommended that you torque your Airstream travel trailer's lug nuts before every trip.

NOTE: Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended.

Lug Nut Torque Pattern



A Little Humor



A couple of elderly RVers who'd recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary were settling down for a good night's sleep in their Airstream when the wife said, "Dear, do you remember how you used to sleep close to me?" The husband sighed and got out of his bed, crossed the aisle, crawled in next to his wife, and tried to get back to sleep.

"Dear," she continued, "do you remember how you used to hold me tight?" He reached over and held her tight for a few seconds and then tried to get back to sleep.

"And," she went on, "do you remember how you used to hug me and kiss me and nibble on my ear?" With that, her husband got up and started to walk toward the front of the coach - muttering to himself.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"Well," answered the husband, "I have to get my teeth."

DEADLINE!
Feb. 26th
Please sign
up now!

GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB

RALLY

at Lake Somerville
State Park

FEB 29-MAR 3, 2024

TO REGISTER PLEASE FILL OUT THE JOTFORM FOUND ON THE GHAC WEBSITE. THIS WILL RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE AND REGISTER YOU FOR THE RALLY. RALLY FEE \$15/PERSON AND THE CAMPING IS \$57.15.

***** SPOTS ARE LIMITED TO 14 SITES IN THE GROUP TRAILER AREA SO REGISTER QUICKLY!! *****

UPON ARRIVAL PLEASE CHECK IN WITH HQ. THERE IS A \$5 DAY USE FEE FOR EVERYONE UNLESS YOU HAVE A TX STATE PARK PASS.

THUR. FEB 29

- ✓ 6PM - EARLY ARRIVALS CAN JOIN US FOR DINNER AT MOMMA'S KITCHEN IN SOMERVILLE (NOT INCLUDED IN RALLY FEES)

FRI. MAR 1

- ✓ 7AM - COFFEE IN RALLY ROOM
- ✓ LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 8AM - TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST



- ✓ 5PM - HAPPY HOUR (BYOB) EVEN # RIGS PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE
- 6PM - DINNER PROVIDED BY HOSTS
BAKED POTATO BAR WITH CHILI & PULLED PORK WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!
ODD # RIGS PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

SAT. MAR 2

- ✓ 7AM - COFFEE IN RALLY ROOM
- ✓ LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 8AM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- ✓ 2PM - YARD GAMES NEAR RALLY ROOM



- ✓ 5PM - HAPPY HOUR (BYOB)
- 6PM - "SERVE & SHARE" POTLUCK DINNER (BRING A COPY OF YOUR RECIPE)
EVEN # RIGS - PLEASE BRING EITHER A MAIN DISH OR SIDE TO SHARE
ODD # RIGS - PLEASE BRING EITHER AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE
- ✓ AFTER DINNER - S'MORES BY THE FIRE

SUN. MAR 3

FAREWELL & HAPPY TRAVELS

- ✓ 7AM COFFEE, JUICE, GRAB N GO BREAKFAST



YOUR HOSTS: ERIC & HOLLY MCMURPHY

REGISTER! <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-march-2024-rally>

Hello, Region 9 Bandera Bound Wait Listers!

Thank you very much for being patient with your Region 9 Team as we worked out contract details for a second RV Resort to accommodate our forty rigs on the wait list. We have contracted with a beautiful and new resort called Riverwalk Resort at 4300 Hwy 16N in Bandera which is only 2.2 miles from Skyline Ranch RV Park where our 2024 Bandera Bound Rally is centered.

Riverwalk RV has blocked off forty sites for Region 9 at a special \$51.00 per night rate that allows you access to all their amenities as well. This link: <https://www.riverwalkresorttexas.com/> takes you directly to a secure site set up just for Region 9 where you can choose your own site and choose additional nights if necessary. The reduced rate is only for the May 1-5 dates of our rally.

Once you have made your parking reservation, use this Jotform link <https://form.jotform.com/240463319594158> so that you can complete your registration. The Jotform link will get you registered for the meals, entertainment, and all the other social events planned for this Bandera Bound blowout.

We do plan to schedule some events at Riverwalk Resort so that you do not feel like you are a satellite. The Blood Drive on Friday morning will take place at Riverwalk and although the main events will happen at Skyline, you can easily drive or hike or bike to Skyline. Much fun is in Bandera at the iconic bars and restaurants and antique warehouses. Notice that Riverwalk has a swimming pool and an indoor pickle ball court. Do not be surprised if all your new Rally friends want to join you at your site!

Thank you for your support of Region 9,

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President

Tracy Elkins, 1st VP

Anna Brandon, 2nd VP



Region 9 Rally May 1 – 5, 2024
Skyline Ranch RV Park & Cabins
2231 Hwy. 16N
Bandera, TX 78003

Wednesday – May 1
Skyline Rally Hall
Welcome Packet Pick-Up/Registration
Margarita Welcome Party!
Welcome Ceremony
8 Ft Pizza Party
DJ Channing Fell
Ice Cream Under the Stars
Hosted by THCU & GHAC & OASC

Thursday – May 2
Skyline Rally Hall
Blackstone Breakfast
Region Board Meeting/Membership
Club Leadership Training Meetings
Airstream Maintenance Clinic
Catered Lunch
Airstream Clinic
Presentations
Happy Hour at Skyline Pavilion
Bring It & Grill It at 11th Street Bar
Sides & Drink Tickets Provided
Music & Dancing Under the Stars
Hosted by TAU & TGCU & NTxAC & ETLAU

Friday – May 3
Skyline Rally Hall
Breakfast-To-Go
Blood Drive
Golf Scramble
Biking/Walking/Kayaking /Games
Lunch on Your Own
Chili Cook-off Competition
Biscuit on a Stick Presentation
Trick Roping by US Cowboy Ambassador
Ice Cream Social
Film Aluminatoin
Hosted by THLAC & HOTC & TPAC

Saturday – May 4
Skyline Rally Hall
Coffee & Donuts
Explore Bandera
Cowboys on Main/ Museum/Gun Fight
Market Days /Vendors
Lunch with Your Local Club
Cooking Presentation
Catered Dinner To Honor Club Leadership
Closing Ceremony
Western Flyers – Texas Swing Band
Hosted by Region 9 Leadership Team

Sunday – May 5
Skyline Pavilion
Cinco De Mayo Breakfast
Clean-Up & Good-Byes & Departures
Hosted by Region 9 Executive Board

Each local club is asked to gather donations for Region 9 Charity of Choice Team Red, White & Blue In Support of Enriching Veteran Health

GHAC – Bandera Bound – Region 9 Rally!

GHAC will be joining Region 9 Chapters for the **2024 Region 9 Rally on May 1st – 5th in Bandera Texas**. Region 9 is expecting 130+ rigs, so we are guaranteed to have a boot scootin' good time in the State's Cowboy Capital! GHAC will be helping THCU and OASC on Wednesday, May 1st getting rigs parked, Rally set up and cleaning up after the Opening Ceremony. We will be reaching out soon to get volunteers for these tasks.

There are some changes or additional details to the general schedule posted above.

- The **Opening Ceremony** on Wednesday will feature a **Beer & Wine Swap** (instead of margaritas) to accompany a giant pizza that will be cooked on site. Please bring your favorite six-pack (beer, cider, seltzer or soft drink) or a bottle of wine to be shared in the Swap.
- Thursday evening is our **Grill Night**; bring a protein to grill at the infamous **11th Street Bar**. You'll receive tickets for a side and drink to go with whatever you grill. This venue is famous for its **Grill Nights**, and we'll have music and dancing after dinner!
- Our very own Vern & Jo Goodwin are back for an encore round of biscuits on a stick! Don't miss it on Friday!
- Friday Dinner is the outcome from the Chili Cookoff and sides that people bring to share. GHAC's Tom & Caren Bundy has won his cook-off more than once, so bring your best recipe and see what you can do to compete!
- GHAC has a reservation at **TJ's at the Old Forge** for our GHAC Member Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th. We hope you'll plan to attend; cost for the lunch are on your own.



DARK SIDE of the MOON “Buddy” RALLY
APRIL 5-9, 2024
BOON DOCK at the Calvert’s
1102 W. Broadway St.
Winnsboro, TX

Directions: GPS coordinates: 32.97639° N, 95.30534° W

From Houston: Winnsboro is approximately 300 miles North of Houston, 50 miles North of Tyler, 100 miles East of Dallas, 100 miles West of Shreveport and 26 miles North of Mineola where Region 9 Rallies have been held in the past

REMEMBER THIS IS A BOON DOCK BUDDY EVENT

Arrive with Full Fresh Water Tank
Propane Tank Fuel Checked
Generator Checked & Exercised Prior to Arrival
Gasoline Container for Refueling Generator

Friday, April 5 Early arrivals –

5:00 PM Happy Hour on the Porch
6:00 PM Stuffed bake potatoes and salad

Saturday, April 6

Breakfast and Lunch on your own
Check out Winnsboro - Antique shops, Winnsboro Historical Museum, Winnsboro Center for the Arts on the Bowery, Winnsboro Farmers Market 7:30 to 12, Bloom
5:00 PM Happy Hour on the Porch
6:00 PM Bring something to grill and something to share

Sunday, April 7

Breakfast and Lunch on your own visit any number of churches
2:30 PM on your own “Harp on the Road” concert and comedy at Winnsboro Center for the Arts
(sm. venue – visit winnsborocenterforthearts.com)
5:00 PM Happy Hour on the Porch
6:00 PM Bring something to share, entrée provided by hosts

MONDAY, April 8, ECLIPSE DAY *viewing glasses provided*

9:00 AM Breakfast
Eclipse Start 12:25 PM
Totality Begins 1:43 PM
Duration 3 minutes 59 seconds
Eclipse Ends 3:04 PM
5:00 PM Happy Hour on the Porch
6:00 PM Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Fixin’s provided by hosts

Tuesday, April 9, Depart at your leisure Happy Trails

****Gray water can be disposed of on the ground, but be considerate of your neighbors****

****We will attempt to park trailers with the door opening on the driveway depending on the number of trailers****



Greater Houston Airstream Club Spring Rally



Colorado Landing RV Park

64 E Bluffview Dr La Grange TX 78945

979-968-9465

Thursday - April 18th

April 18 - 21, 2024

6 pm - Dinner on your own at fourteensixteen with a group reservation (<https://www.1416lagrange.com/>).

Friday - April 19th

7 am / 8 am Coffee first then Cinnamon rolls, bacon, yogurt/granola, Explore historic Fayette County

5 pm - Happy Hour - bring appetizer to share & your beverage

6 pm Dinner: Chicken fajitas & fixings, black beans, rice, (portobello mushroom fajitas - vegetarian option)

7 pm LCR Tournament benefitting TRWB



Saturday - April 20th

7 am / 8:30 am Coffee then Build a breakfast sandwich yogurt & fruit

9 am - Carpool to Monument Hill State Historic Site for workday

5 pm - Happy Hour - bring appetizer to share & beverage

6 pm - Grill Night - Hot Dogs & all the fixings & Chips

7 pm - Raffle benefitting TRWB

Sunday - April 21st

7 am / 8 am - Coffee then Kolaches

8:30 - Devotional

See you down the road!

Register by April 10th

Host: Justin Hargadine

979.450.6275



Greater Houston Airstream Club Spring Rally

April 18 - 21, 2024

Rally Details

- Call Colorado Landing RV Park 979- 968- 9465 for Site Reservations- mention GHAC Rally
- Register with GHAC & pay Rally Fees- \$18 each - <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-march-2024-rally>
- Bring work clothes, shoes, gloves & loppers for work day at Monument Hill. There's a beautiful picnic spot here if you want to bring your lunch.
- Check out LaGrange Visitor's Center at 254 N Jefferson St, for local historic sites & exploration options
- Bring some one dollar bills for the LCR Tournament. Winners get cash & tickets for Annual Grand Prize drawing for an Airstream Weber Grill
- Bring your plates, utensils, napkins & beverage to all meals
- We Rally Together!



Club Caravans

Big Bend National Park

March 3-13, 2024

Leader, Bruce Lee

Deadline 2/22/24 – Initial Deposit \$40 (refundable until 3/10)

This 10-day caravan is for 14 total rigs. Members were sent an email on January 22nd with additional details for caravan registration.

Itinerary:

- **Sun. March 3:** First night at Caverns of Sonora, Sonora, TX. 14 electric and water sites.
 - **Mon. March 4:** Travel to Roadrunner Traveler RV Park, Study Butte, TX (290 miles). Due to being Spring Break in this part of the country, here is the best I can do - 7 sites with full hookups (\$55/night), 7 sites with electricity only (\$45/night). However, the WiFi is reported to be good. There are no showers or restroom facilities here, but there is a dump station, if needed.
 - **Fri. March 8:** Travel to Davis Mountain RV Park, Ft. Davis, TX (105 miles). 14 full hookup sites. WiFi is reported to be good.
 - **Mon. March 11:** Travel to Canyons RV Park, Sanderson, TX (115 miles). 14 full hookup sites, however, they do not take reservations, so it is first come first serve. They told me they usually have 12-14 sites open every night, but they cannot guarantee it. They also have some tent camping so if you want to classify your Airstream as a tent, there may be extra room to boondock for a night. WiFi is reported to be good.
 - **Tues. March 12:** Travel to Westbound RV Park, D'hanis, TX (280 miles and, yes, we are heading home). 14 full hookup sites. WiFi is reported to be good.
 - **Wed. March 13:** You are on your own. Feel free to head home or wherever you want to wander.
- Contact Bruce – balee5068@gmail.com to register and for questions/clarifications.



The 67th Annual International Airstream Rally

Sedalia, MO

Oct 5 – 10, 2024

Sep 30 - Oct 4 - GHAC club caravan, to Sedalia

Leader, Rick Elkins

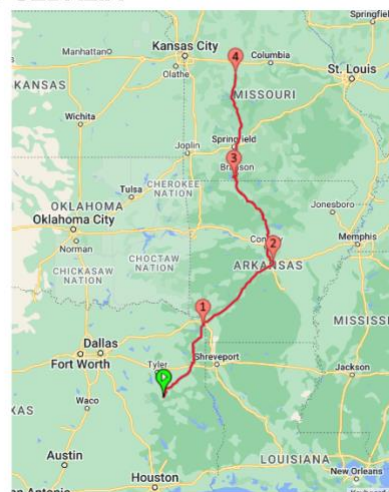


GHAC CARAVAN TO SEDALIA

Caravan Signup Coming Soon
Open Soon!! Watch for Email.....

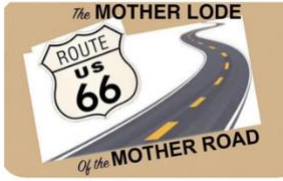
Hop-off point - Rusk, TX after Sept Rally
Stops Texarkana, Little Rock, Branson & Sedalia

- Planning for 20 rigs
- Planned Activities All Stops
- Checking Route Sights & Scenery
- 150 Mile Avg. Between Stops



National Caravan News

GHAC is very lucky to have Tom and Vicki Ketchum as members. Tom and Vicki are experienced National Caravan Leaders and they have given us some details on two National Caravans they are leading in 2024 and 2025. Registration and more details: [ACI National Rallies: https://airstreamclub.org/events/caravan](https://airstreamclub.org/events/caravan)



The Mother Lode of the Mother Road - Route 66 Caravan

is a bucket list trip for anyone who grew up taking car trips, packing lunches for picnics along the road, visiting kitschy roadside attractions, and asking, “are we there yet”.

Although no longer an officially sanctioned highway, about 85% of the original route, which started in Chicago, and ended in Los Angeles, is still drivable.

Our caravan begins in the Chicago area (Joliet) and ends in Los Angeles. For 59 days, we will travel as much of the original road as feasible, visit prominent towns rich with Rt 66 history, and check out as many off the iconic Rt 66 landmarks as we can fit in! Along the way we will tour some famous tourist venues, and history sites. Some notable days include two bus trips into Chicago for sightseeing and Route 66 sights; a bus trip in St.Louis including the Gateway Arch, two bus trips in Los Angeles, including a sunset dinner on the Santa Monica Pier for our final banquet! We’ll visit several iconic Route 66 eateries and explore architecture from Frank Loyd Wright to the Harvey House Hotels and restaurants of Railway travel fame. We’ll be visiting the Grand Canyon by way of the Grand Canyon Railway - plus so much more!!

In 2024, the caravan will “pause” for the International Rally in Sedalia, so you don’t have to miss the Rally in order to attend the caravan. The caravan will convoy together into the Rally, and then proceed with the Caravan when the Rally is completed.

EVENT | SEP 13 - NOV 21, 2024

[Register for the Mother Road!](#)



Historic
National
Road

Remember the famous radio commentator Paul Harvey and The Rest Of The Story? **The Old National Road** was the

first ever federally funded highway - in 1806! Thomas Jefferson was President, the Louisiana Purchase was completed, but how could American settle these new lands if they couldn’t get to them? That is the “Rest of the Story”!

It all goes back to colonial years- 1754, in fact, and George Washington, yes, THAT George Washington, who was but 22 years old, a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Militia, and tasked with getting the French out of what is now western Pennsylvania. His mission was, well, not successful, as this was his only defeat! A rainy night, flicker candles, smeary ink, and a document in French was George’s undoing, signing a surrender!

This set the stage for a return to the disputed lands, over rough wooded mountains, to battle the French, around the world, as a result, incurring such debt to Britain, they taxed the colonies, and that led to, well, the rest of the story!

Now independent, the United States built a road to open new lands for settlers. English, Irish, Dutch, German, Polish, a veritable United Nations of settlers, who did not like each other, but had to depend on each other to survive.

Join us as we follow the nation’s first road through woods, hills, farms, cities, and history, and discover how it changed and built the country. You will know “The Rest of the Story!”

EVENT | APR 26 - MAY 21, 2025

[Register for the Old National Road!](#)

RALLY HOSTS / CO-HOSTS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a 2024 Rally. Contact Rick Elkins at Club155@ airstreamclub.org or 713.859.5939 for more information or to select a Rally to volunteer at. In the schedule below, volunteer opportunities are highlighted in Yellow.

2024 Rally Hosts SIGN UP

Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
Jan 20 th Luncheon	Golf Club of Houston 5860 Wilson Rd, Humble	Dave & Jan Rightmyer	713.818.9021	Bill & JoAnne Miller	832-577-7687
Feb 8 – 11	Magnolia RV Park Goodrich, TX	Jim & Lisa Feine	832.816.1242	John & Susan Sheridan	832-527-9644
Feb 29 – Mar 3	Lake Somerville State Park – Birch Creek Unit	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	Lisa Feine Tom Raia	832.816.1242 832-533-6435
April 5 - 9	Eclipse Buddy/Boondock Rally – Winnsboro	Jerry & Tracey Calvert	832-549-5042 281-210-6130		
Apr 18 – 21	Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange	Justin Hargadine	979-450-6275	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
May 1 – 5	<i>Region 9 Rally – Bandera Bound!, Bandera, Texas</i>				
May 23 – 27	Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery TX	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
June 27 - 30	Joint Rally w/THCU– Crocket Lakefront Resort & Marina, Crockett				
Sept 26-29	Rusk KOA, Rusk TX	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672	Wayne & Liza Wilkerson	832-326-8814 832-326-5221
Oct 5-11	<i>International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO</i>				
Nov 7-10	Joint Rally-TX Gulf Coast – TAHI, Zavalla	Dan & Maria McAnulty	832.392.7033 832.392.7034	Jerry & Beth Adams	972.529.8320 972.832.5078

WHAT HOSTS / CO-HOSTS DO:

- CG Contact
- Visit Location
- Set Rally Theme
- Plan meals
- Plan activities
- Rally Schedule
- Rally Fees
- Purchase Food
- Club Rally Boxes
- Reservations
- Promote Rally
- Monitor Registration
- Transport Food,
Supplies & Rally
Boxes
- Greet Campers
- Prepare Meals
- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge,
Devotion & Grace
- Return Rally Room
- Report w/Pics for
Newsletter
- Have Fun!
- [Specific details are
available online](#)

Greater Houston Airstream Club 2024 Chapter Officers

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President	Rick Elkins 9713
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2 nd Vice President.....	Lisa Feine 31415
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Immediate Past President.....	Dan McAnulty 2162

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Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee 5461
Crafts & Projects.....	Carol Goodwin 1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin 1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins 9713
Electronic Communications	Tom Bundy 2835
Historical	Vacant
Membership	Tracy Elkins 9713
Mentorship.....	Rick Elkins 9713
Newsletter	Cindy West..... 19963



NEW CLUB EMAIL ACCOUNT:

Please note GHAC's new e-mail. Airstream Club has changed all e-mail addresses effective 12/31/2023. All future communications will come from the e-mail account Club155@airstreamclub.org reflecting the name **Greater Houston**.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

- Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI): <https://airstreamclub.org>
- Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas): <https://airstreamclub.org/region9>
- Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155): <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston>
- GHAC Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterHoustonAirstreamClub>
- Blue Beret Archive (club magazine): <https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>
- Blue Beret Blog (club blog): <https://blog.airstreamclub.org>

Airstream Club International Headquarters
803 E. Pike Street P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334
Phone 937-596-5211; Fax 937-596-5542

- General Questions/Comments: assist@airstreamclub.org
- Membership: membership@airstreamclub.org
- Blue Beret: blueberet@airstreamclub.org
- Website Feedback/Questions: feedback@airstreamclub.org

2024 GHAC Rally Schedule

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston/rallies-and-caravans>

- February 29 - March 3, 2024 - Rally at Lake Somerville State Park, Birch Creek Campground, Tx
- April 5 – 24, 2024 - Eclipse Buddy / Boondock Rally
- April 18 - 21, 2024 - Rally at Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange, Tx
- May 1 - 5, 2024 - Region 9 Rally at Skyline RV Park, Bandera, Tx
- May 23 - 27, 2024 - Rally at Conroe KOA, Montgomery, Tx
- June 27 - 30, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Hill Country Unit at Crockett Lakefront RV Resort and Marina, 75 Dogwood Lane, Crockett, Tx
- July 20, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavilion, Houston, Tx
- August 17, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavilion, Houston, Tx
- September 26 - 29, 2024 - Rusk KOA, Rusk, Tx
- October 5 - 11, 2024 - ACI International Rally at Missouri State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, Mo.
- November 7 - 10, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Gulf Coast Unit at TAHI, Zavala, Tx
- December 5 - 8, 2024 Installation Rally at On the Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, TX

Rally Registration is a Two-Step process*:

1. Reserve your campsite with the Campground and pay direct (mention GHAC Rally),
2. Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.

except for Lake Somerville and July & August Picnics - only register on the GHAC Website



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Pete Baker
832-569-2063 or email p4641@juno.com

EDITOR'S LETTER



First of all, I'd like to say a big **thank you** to Rick and Tracy Elkins for their leadership of this club, and for believing I can do this job. Getting to know their perspicacious character encouraged me to sign on as your new Newsletter Editor. I love to create, so this is right up my alley. Here's a little bit about me!

As an adventure junkie, I lived in a tent, roamed the world by ship and plane, traversed the 48 States on my Harley-Davidson, and performed in a rock band while wearing leather. I especially enjoy living adventures through reading books and writing about it. My writing style covers several genres including newsletters, children's fiction, professional literature, self-help, music, as well as writing (and directing) multiple plays. I served as the newsletter editor for our HOG (Harley Owners Group) chapter for one year and assisted my husband as editor for two years as well. Currently, my favorite pastime includes writing and illustrating books for children, while sitting outside enjoying nature.

My husband and I embrace the wanderlust as we spend more than 100 days in our Airstream travel trailer every year. We have been members of THLAC since 2019 when we bought our first Airstream, and recently joined GHAC as our primary club since we live close to Houston. We have participated in dinners, club rallies and attended our first International Rally in 2023 (Rock Springs, WY). We look forward to the 2024 International Rally and plan to join the Caravan to get there.

Our first Airstream was a 2021 30' International, RBT. We loved that rig, but decided to downsize a few feet and upgrade some features when we traded it for our Globetrotter about a year ago (see below).

I am married to my college sweetheart (Tim) who is my biggest fan. Our two adult children (Bryan and Elizabeth) are both married. Between the two of them we have seven wonderful grandchildren (five girls, two boys) who provide "Nana" with ideas for future children's books that could take another lifetime to publish!

I may share more about our life and adventures as we get further acquainted. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories too!

Happy Trails!

Lucinda ("Cindy") West
GHAC Newsletter Editor

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."—Oscar Wilde



Tim and Cindy West (left)
Our Roam Home (right)
2023 Globetrotter 27' FBT, BRN 19963
Bored? Visit our [YouTube channel](#).



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P.S. Feel free to reach out to me if you have news to share. We want to hear your stories! In addition, I'm far from perfect, so when you find an error or omission, please email me with the correction (ever-so-gently *please* 😊) so I can include it the next newsletter. Newsletter articles may be edited for length.

A Word From Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.



Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer on a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So, give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!



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